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THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
QIN, ET AL.)
Serial No.: 09/531,247) Art Unit: 1713
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For: PERMANENTLY WETTABLE)
SUPERABSORBENTS)

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents & Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Restriction/Election mailed September 21, 2001, Applicants request further examination in light of the following remarks.

REMARKS

Claims 1-21 are pending in the present application. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present claims in view of the following remarks.

I. Formal Matters:

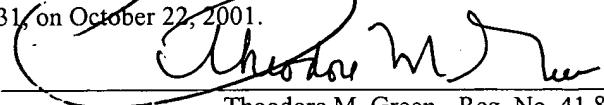
Restriction Requirement

The Office Action requires restriction between the following groups of claims:

Group I: Claims 1-7, 10-19 and 21 drawn to a method of making a wettable superabsorbent material;

CERTIFICATION OF MAILING

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